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SUBJECT: 57TH ECOSOC: DEMARCHE OPPOSING FRENCH INTERSESSIONAL
COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 156172

1. EMBASSY WAS FORTUNATELY ABLE IN SPITE OF SUMMER HOLIDAY CON-
DITIONS TO CONTACT WALRAVE, HEAD OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
IN IO, MFA, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF MATTERS RELATING TO ECOSOC.
FOLLOWING OUR EXPOSITION OF PROBLEMS WE SEE IN SECOND FRENCH
RESOLUTION, WALRAVEN RESPONDED THAT GON IS NOT YET PREPARED TO TAKE
ANY FIRM POSITION ON MATTER. HE IS INFORMED BY GON DEL IN
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GENEVA THAT THIS QUESTION WAS TAKEN UP IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

ONLY LAST COUPLE OF DAYS AND IS VERY MUCH IN FLUX. FRENCH TEMSELVES SEEM UNDECIDED AS TO EXACT CONTENT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION AND WHAT THEY WILL DO WITH IT. MAIN DISCUSSIONS SO FAR HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN CORRIDORS AND VOTE IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE IS NOT NOT EXPECTED FOR A FEW DAYS YET. IN ABSENCE OF CONCRETE PROPOSAL, GON IS UNABLE TO TAKE FIRM POSITION.

2. WALRAVEN INDICATED INCLINATION TO AGREE TO SOME MEANS OF CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS OF THIS TYPE BETWEEN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS WHICH WOULD INVOLVE AT LEAST LDC CONSUMERS AND PRESUMABLY ALSO PRODUCERS. HE FELT THAT ENERGY IS WORLD PROBLEM GENERAL DISCUSSION OF WHICH CANNOT BE PREVENTED, AND THAT CONCERTED EFFORT BY DEVELOPED CONSUMERS WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE BECAUSE OF "GANGING UP" APPEARANCE. HE APPRECIATED VALUE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES REACHING CONSENSUS, HOWEVER, BEFORE DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER GROUPS, WHICH WE STRESSED IN REPLY TO HIS REMARKS.

3. SINCE WE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH WALRAVEN OR ANY OTHER RELEVANT MFA OFFICIAL EARLY IN DAY, WE BROUGHT THIS PROBLEM IN A.M. TO ATTENTION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ENERGY WANSINK, WHO IMMEDIATELY SAW DANGERS OF SECOND FRENCH RESOLUTION. HE UNDERSTOOD TO PURSUE MATTER WITH MFA.

4. COMMENT: ORGANIZATION OF MFA PLACES WALRAVEN (IN CHARGE OF ECOSOC AFFAIRS) UNDER MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AID PRONK. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT PRONK'S BIAS FOR EARLIEST INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT OF LDC'S MAY EXPLAIN WALRAVEN'S GENERAL INCLINATION IN THIS PICTURE. A SHORT TIME SHOULD TELL WHETHER DUE WEIGHT WILL BE GIVEN IN THIS QUESTION TO NETHERLANDS' POSITION AS OIL CONSUMER AND HOME COUNTRY OF MULTINATIONAL SHELL.
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